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¶1. (U) On September 7 EconOff delivered reftel points to Ambassador Jaime Barberis of the Sovereignty Section of Ecuador's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA).

¶2. (U) Barberis said that he had met with colleagues from the Subsecretariat of Fisheries this morning. He was surprised that Ecuador's balance with the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) was not current and said that he was "sure" that Ecuador would pay its dues "immediately." He said that the private sector, via the Chamber of Fisheries, was responsible for payment via contributions from its constituents.

¶3. (U) Barberis also mentioned that Ecuador was preparing to submit the name of past Ecuadorian Fisheries Under Secretary Rafael Eduardo Trujillo as a candidate for the presidency of the IATTC and would be sending a summary of his qualifications to IATTC members shortly.  
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